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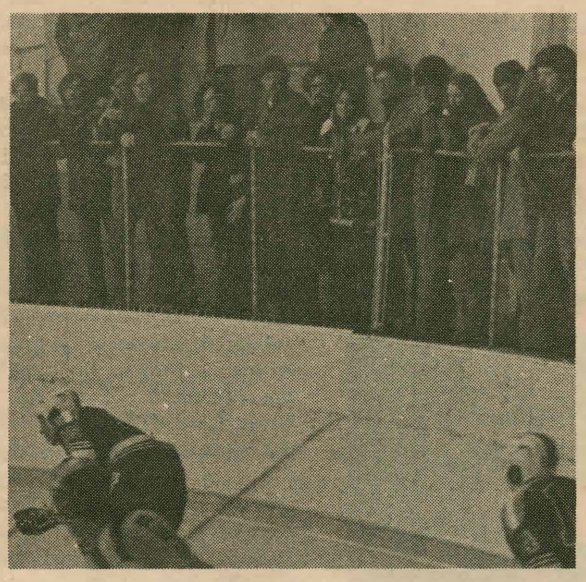

The Wild Bunch

Hamilton Joins New Hockey Conference

BY BRUCE WILLIAMS

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Although the hockey coaches at Amhearst and Bowdoin have expressed unhappiness at the actions of Hamilton fans in "the Pit," it is not believed that any scheduling problems will result in the newly formed Continental Conference.

The Continental Conference is a group of eleven schools that have agreed to give each other preference in the scheduling of athletic events. Associate Dean Hadley S. DePuy pointed out that no school is formally bound to the conference and could pull out at any time. DePuy feels, however, that none of the members would refuse to schedule Hamilton because of this year's incidents at thes Amherst and Middlebury games.

At the Amherst game Hamilton fans directed obscenities at the Amherst skaters and one fan started a fight with an Amherst player. At the Middlebury game, held at Colgate, fans interferred with Middlebury players in the penalty box, obstructed players from the stands during the game and one Hamilton spectator went out on the ice to join in a fight between the opposing teams.

DePuy feels that one reason for Hamilton's reputation is the structure of the Sage Hockey Rink which makes opposing coaches and players feel as if they are, "...Christians being fed to the lions." The Bowdoin coach said he was not at all anxious to have team play in "the Pit."

Dean DePuy feels that renovations in the rink would perhaps make a difference. The school does not, however, have sufficient funds at this time if the change were deemed necessary.

Hamilton has already been removed from the West Point schedule because of an incident at Hamilton two years ago. At that game Hamilton fans threw dead chickens and other garbage on the ice and spat on the Army Cadets.

Hamilton College has also severed athletic relations with Colgate University because of the actions of their fans during a hockey game at Colgate.

Kirkland Scholarship Cuts Threaten Quality, Diversity

BY ABBY GOULDER

In its report to the Kirkland Assembly, the Financial Aid Policy Committee stated: "... further financial aid funds are needed, if the Admissions Office is to maintain both the academic level and the social and economic diversity (in the Class of 1975) that it has in previous years." The statement, originating with the Admissions Office and the Admissions Policy Committee, disclosed the lack of scholarship funds available for the incoming freshman class.

Director of Financial Aid David W. Chapman said the present funds available for the Class of '75 amount to only two-thirds of the funds available for the previous freshman class.

The report stated: "If we had an additional $23,000 in financial aid, restoring aid to last year's level of $67,000 for the freshman class, we would be able to offer admission to an additional thirteen students who need financial assistance, thereby giving us the full class of 180 and at least a tiny waiting list of eight students."

Although the above figures are changing daily, "It is inconceivable that we could match the quality of the previous class without the requested aid, since so many of our highly

David Chapman

qualified applicants do need at least some financial assistance."

Chapman said that potential sources for this additional money could include a reapportionment of existing funds in the budget or greater funding from outside sources. A student committee concerned with the problems that this lack of funds will entail is currently considering the possibility of student participation in raising scholarship money. President Samuel F. Babbitt indicated that the FAPC report would be relayed to the Trustees.

To fill the necessary 180 places in next year's freshman class, the college must accept 154 more students, since it has already accepted 26 students. Of the $44,000 allotted for the Class of '75, $22,000 has been granted to seven fully-funded minority students. As the report reads, "Approximately $4,000 in aid has been given out to Early Decision admitted students, leaving $17,000 for the general class in April. The average scholarship last year was $1800; therefore, ... we should be able to offer scholarships to about nine people in April."

Baker On Steering Committee Of New National Student Congress

BY SKIP BROWN

Steve Baker '71 was elected to the five-man Steering Committee of the National Student Congress at a meeting of the Congress last week.

The Congress was sponsored by the Association of Student Governments, an organization without political affiliation.

The Steering Committee will take resolutions passed at the Conference to the appropriate legislative and executive branch agencies, disseminate information to all student bodies and their presidents, and draw up and implement plans for next year's National Student Congress.

Four Committees, The Social and Cultural, Foreign and Military, Education and Health, and Economic and Environmental Affairs, upon which Baker served, comprised the Conference. Each committee presented to the conference a list of proposals on which the conference voted.

Baker explained, "I tried to get a federal revenue-sharing bill through, which was coupled with federal tax credits; I could not avoid associating the present Administration with the term "Revenue-sharing". It was defeated."

The proposals which the Conference passed included Immediate Withdrawal from Vietnam, Call for an All-Volunteer Armed Force, Equal Rights for Women, Anti-Pollution, Judicial and Penal Reform, Legalization of Marijuana, Affirmation of the Bill of Rights, and Abolition of the Traditional Grading system.

Among those defeated were Opposition to the Alaskan Pipeline, Endorsement of Wage-Price Controls, and Admission of Red China into the U.N. All 63 proposals will go to the White House, but those passed by the Congress will be given priority.

The 5-man Steering Committee, elected by the NSC, held a press conference March 9 at ASG main office, 2000 P Street, Washington, D.C. Representatives of NBC, ABC, UPI, AP, the *Washington Post*, and the *Washington Star* were given copies of proposals and questioned the Committee.

The Steering Committee, composed of Stanley B. Grimm, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., Chairman; Steve Baker, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; Walter Byrd, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi; Eileen Friars, Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jay Sternoff, Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, Washington, will meet in Washington on March 21-25. Between now and the meeting, the Steering Committee will make an effort to set up appointments with Senators and Congressmen.

Baker said, "I think the most significant point was that a group of moderate students, which the ASG usually attracts, took policy positions in opposition to the current Administration policy, after hearing from the Nixon Administration. I think this dispels any Administration belief that there is a "Silent Majority" on college campuses."

"During the first half of the President's administration", said Baker, "students felt that he did

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Kirkland Without Power for 30 Hours; Shoddy Wiring Job Causes Blackout

BY BILL DELANEY

From five in the afternoon last Sunday, until near midnight the following day, Kirkland College, deprived of heat and light by a defective wire splice, had to fall back on its ideals of community to weather chilly rooms, ill-washed bodies, and a closed dining hall. Now that light again floods the little cluster in the winter woods, and showers run steamy hot, except in hapless D dorm still crippled by a faulty transformer, the college seems to have emerged from its thirty-eight hour trial with aplomb and unflagged faith in the riggings of the school and the people in it.

The "blackout" originated in a wire connection shoddily spliced between Dorms A and B. Moisture seeping into the wire, heated by 13,000 volts, expanded and exploded, blowing the splice apart, thus cutting off all electricity to the college. The fault lay with the T.H. Green construction people who built "A". They were called in once the break was located, and so Kirkland incurred no costs.

Besides the delay due to the necessity of calling in the construction company to repair their error, the college stood in darkness for so long because the reason for the power failure was difficult to track down. The Niagara-Mohawk Lighting Company, who supplies power to this area, was first contacted. When it was determined the problem did not lie with them, all the fuses at Kirkland were checked. Several defective fuses were replaced, but promptly blew, and so the search went underground. Each electrical manhole was opened and investigated. Finally the bad splice appeared in a manhole near A dorm, and G.H. Green received the summons to fix it.

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— News Briefs —

DREW UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS OPEN

Programs for studying and interning at the United Nations for the fall term, with Drew University, are now open. Also for studying in London. Interested students should contact Prof. Richardson soon.

JIMMY DORSEY

The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will perform at the Hamilton College gynmasium on Sunday afternoon at 3:00. General admission is $2.50, or 50 cents with social tax.

U.C. TEACH-IN

Utica College will sponsor a teach-in on the Indochina War April 10-11. Present at the teach-in will be: Sidney Peck - Moving to Stop the War Now; Jay Craven, President of the Boston University student body, who has just returned from Hanoi - The Spirit of Hanoi; Cynthia Fredericks of the American Friends Service - The Peace Movement in South Vietnam; and David Deitch, feature writer for the Boston Globe - The Economics of the War.

Anyone interested in attending the teach-in should contact Carol Conover, ext. 383, after 11 p.m.

"BETTER LIVING THROUGH CHEMISTRY — INSECT STYLE"

Thomas Eisner, professor of entymology at Cornell University, will speak on "Better Living Through Chemistry — Insect Style" Monday evening at 8:00 in the Science Auditorium. Sponsored by the Hamilton Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi, the national honor society in science, the talk will concern Eisner's research on some of the structures of insect sex attractants. In this and other ways, insects use chemicals to communicate to each other. Eisner has been at Cornell since 1957, and is now a professor in the University's Division of Biological Science, Section of Neurobiology and Behavior. He has A.B. and Ph.D degrees from Harvard.

NEW MEMBERS OF PAC

The new students on the President's Advisory Committee are freshmen: Gordon Kaye, Jeffrey Lawrence, and Jonathan Krumeich; sophomores: Peter Spellane, Bob O'Connor, Joel Swetow; juniors: Dennis Hartzell, Harvey Knowles, Tim Fetscher.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD. Nominations for election to offices of President of the Student Senate and Co-Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board will be received in Root 7 until noon, March 17th.

Those interested in running for Student Senate President must be nominated by a member of the Student Body and must be a member of the junior class. Juniors who wish to make nominations should write their name and the name of their nominee on a sign-up sheet in Root 7 by noon, March 17th.

Those interested in running for Co-Chairman of the Judiciary Board should pick up petitions in Root 7 and have these signed by at least 30 and no more than 40 members of the Student Body. Candidates for the Judiciary Board must be members of the junior class; their petitions must be left in Root 7 by noon March 17.

The Judiciary Board elections will be held Monday, April 5. Speeches by candidates for the office of President of the Senate will be made in the chapel April 5; the election will be held on April 12.

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Ecology Committee to Fight Pollution in Clinton Area

BY DAVID STIMSON

The town of Kirkland is entering a critical period in its fight for a clean environment, according to John Oster '71. To aid the town in its ecology efforts, he is helping to organize citizen committees and along with other local environmentalists is writing articles for the *Clinton Courier*.

Oster, a member of the Environmental Ecology Committee of Hamilton and Kirkland, is the only student member on the Kirkland Citizen's Ecology Committee, the unofficial name of the group.

Oster says that the biggest problem facing Kirkland, which includes Clinton, is its isolation which prevents it from recognizing that it does have environmental problems. For example, Clinton has no sanitary land fill or town-wide sewage system. Oriskany Creek has been polluted for twenty years by leaky septic tanks and farm run-off such as fertilizer and pesticides.

One of the major tasks of the citizen's committee, which is made up of Kirkland residents, Hamilton faculty wives, and high school teachers, is to educate its fellow citizens to the dangers that the community is facing. This is being done through the column in the *Courier*, through speakers in the schools, adult education courses, and by an information center set up last September.

Growing community interest brought over 100 people to a recent town meeting on ecology. A planning commission is working to improve the sewage system.

Plans for the future include a recycling operation for the return of glass bottles, and displays in local supermarkets rating products by their pollution content. A rally will be held next month for Earth Day. High school students will put on an environmental fair.

"Clinton is in a good position," says Oster. "A little thoughtful planning and foresight will insure a good environment for years to come. The next few months will tell."

Student Life Committee Considers Co-ed Dorms

BY DAVID STIMSON

A recent meeting between the Student Life Committee and the Student Committee for Co-ed Dorms resulted in the exchange of opinions and possible better understanding between the two groups, but no concrete steps towards the implementation of co-ed housing.

The meeting was requested by the Co-ed Dorm Committee, which sent four Hamilton students and two students from Kirkland to attend the meeting. The student, faculty, and administrative members of the Student Life Committee and President Chandler were present.

The Co-ed Dorm Committee expressed their belief that co-ed housing would bring the two colleges together. The Committee said that their petition figures indicate that 40% of the student bodies desire to participate in co-ed dorms.

The Co-ed Dorm Committee submitted a plan that it feels could be put into effect in time for the fall semester. It would involve a switch between Kirkland Dormitory at Hamilton and D Dormitory at Kirkland, with each sending half of its occupants, approximately twenty-five students, to the other dormitory.

The Student Life Committee was in agreement with the principle of co-ed dorms but wanted to take time to study all the effects the dorms would have on both Hamilton and Kirkland.

President Chandler expressed his concern at the position the colleges would be in if co-ed housing led the two student bodies to merge into one. The President indicated that such a situation would disturb some foundations who help to support the schools financially. They would question the wisdom of having two separate institutions with separate administrations for a single student body.

One member of the Student Life Committee expressed the fear that if co-ed housing were set up before Kirkland obtained a firm identity, Hamilton might swallow up its young neighbor. Student Life Committee member Jaime Yordan '71 felt that "co-ed dorms in the limited sense won't do much to integrate the student bodies: a group of fifty people won't bring the groups of 600 and 900 together."

Nigel Febland '74, a member of the Student COmmittee on Co-ed Dorms, said: "I came to the meeting a little pessimistic. It's only a matter of moving people two or three hundred feet, but it's been blown out of proportion."

The major objection of the administration, as seen by Febland, is that Kirkland may not be able to maintain its autonomy if co-ed housing is established. He said that he did not think that this breakdown would happen because girls attend Kirkland to obtain its peculiar kind of education, and would therefore not be absorbed by the very different Hamilton system.

The Student Life Committee said that it will discuss the question more before making its recommendation. The final decision on co-ed housing is expected to be made by the administration by the time housing preference cards are distributed in April.

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EDITORIALS

Scholarships

The lack of scholarship aid for next year's freshman class imposes a threat to Kirkland's future. The apportionment of greater funds for this aid should be among the college's highest priorities.

The failure to attend to this immediate need will result in the lack of social and economic diversity in the college. With such a lack of diversity, Kirkland would become a school for the elite.

To finance the Class of '75, the college presently has only about two-thirds of the amount that it used to aid last year's freshman class. This lack of scholarship funding will prevent many highly qualified students from attending Kirkland, and the admissions office has reported that the academic quality of the incoming class could suffer.

In a small community such as Kirkland, a heterogeneous group of students is necessary for the stimulation of ideas and feelings that lead to the growth of the community.

The ongoing process of Kirkland's growth will be threatened by stagnation if we fail to provide aid to qualified students. Whether through critical redistribution of the funds in the existing budget or through energetic solicitation of outside funding, the Financial Aid office must be provided with enough money to more fully finance the incoming freshman class. Student efforts to raise money will help the situation, but will probably not be able to raise enough money; other methods must be sought. Unless outside funds are found, cuts in other areas of the budget, particularly in the auxiliary portion, should be made.

It is necessary to respond to this need immediately. High school students must finalize their college choice decisions soon, and scholarship offers will determine many of these decisions.

Coordination

Coordination on the *Spectator* has taken positive steps forward. The additional Kirkland students working on the staff have made great improvements, and Kirkland editors now write the Kirkland-oriented editorials. Still, more students are needed on all levels to improve the quality, imagination, and comprehensiveness of coverage. Hamilton students cannot serve adequately as Kirkland editors or reporters.

The Kirkland Community must realize that it can work with and through the *Spectator*, which has advantages over cement walls and grapevines. The *Spectator* can be a valuable working part of Kirkland's community as, hopefully, it is of Hamilton's. But more people than just our staff members must realize that the paper is not alien and inflexible. Recognition of coordination within the staff must continue and be met with recognition from outside the staff.

Unfortunately, President Babbitt's recent letter to the Kirkland Community perpetuated the estrangement of Kirkland from the *Spectator*. It can be argued that the Humor Issue alienated the two, but such a situation cannot be corrected by misdirected criticism. Criticism of the *Spectator* should be directed to the newspaper, its editors or the Publications Board. Constructive criticism was well taken by the new editors at last week's meeting of the Board. A vague letter distributed to community members can only imply that the *Spectator* is not to be dealt *with* but that it is to be looked at as an elite, self-sympathizing, narrow minded group lacking "humanity."

Such criticism accomplishes nothing, and discourages the very efforts from which the college can benefit.

Snow Removal

The recent snow storms that have plagued the hill point to several problems in the college's snow removal service.

Maintenance crews were directed to tow away students' cars in order to plow roads and parking areas. In some cases, the cars were towed away on their rear wheels which can seriously damage the brakes and transmission. That these areas should be plowed we do not question; however, it is clear that the college should devise a set of regulations governing parking procedures following snow storms and make certain that students are aware of them. This would prevent any damage to parked vehicles as well as saving maintenance crews the trouble of towing cars, thus enabling them to spend more time plowing the snow.

Further problems arose in negotiating the treacherous paths of hard-packed snow that abounded on both campuses. Almost one week passed before the entrances to several dorms were plowed out. We are truly lucky that no one has seriously injured himself slipping on these paths.

Hopefully, we have seen the last of this winter's big snowfalls. However, the college should act on the inadequacies of the past week's service in order to insure safer conditions in the future.

– Comment –

The following letter was addressed and distributed to the Kirkland Community.

Because we are concerned with the quality of what is done here in every facet of our lives, I would like to comment, on my own behalf and at the urging of many people,* on the recent "humor" issue of the Hamilton-Kirkland *Spectator.*

It is marked by a gratuitous cruelty to individuals on both campuses which can only be the result of a desperately narrow vision.

Many of us are distressed, not so much by a tastelessness which is representative of a few, but by the fact that the attempt at humor and satire is such a technical failure as well. We should produce more skillful writers or give them the wit to know their limitations.

Heaven knows, we can all benefit from the chance to see ourselves in the perspective which genuine humor affords. But humor can be had without sacrificing the relationships between people or institutions. Above all, it can be had without loss of simple humanity.

* The Kirkland Assembly, at its meeting on March 8th, formally expressed the sense of the meeting to concur with this statement.

Samuel F. Babbitt

THE TRUE REFLECTION

Once upon a time, in the frozen north of a nearby land, the noble Emperor Samuel sat in his great hall charting the course of the dinghy of state. Suddenly his favored vassal, the Lady of the Apple, rushed in and threw herself at his feet.

"Arise, thou saucy apple," he said, "why hath thy cheeks lost their red, wherefore this trembling silence?"

"My Lord," quoth she, "My limbs have been shaken near past bearing."

"Good Lady, what is the core of thy problem? Are thy subcontractors dilatory still? Doest thy wood refuse to burn? Hast thy cable come unspliced? Are the enlistments for thy crusade beneath the quota? What could bring thee bootless into this hall?"

"Oh, my Lord, I am loath to say. The deed is not one a Lady names with dignity."

"But name the wrong done you, dear Lady, and I shall assemble my Assembly and all its committees to right this wrong."

"Committees, schlemittees, My Lord," quoth she, "I have been ————ed."

"De gustibus non disputandum est," he muttered in shocked surprise.

A cloud of anger slowly wreathed the imperial visage. "If this gets around 'twill blow the whole crusade! Verily the Apple Cart will be upset."

Leaping up, he seized his badly battered battle banner (a rabid rabbitt rampant on a mound of muddy green) and let forth his famous battle cry ————"Semper inovatus!" Whereupon he called for his scribe, he called for his deans and he called for his E.A.G.*

Waxing exceeding wroth, he cried, "Mine apple has been plucked, the realm has been attacked! TO THE MIMEO MACHINE!"

And Emperor Samuel called together the representatives of his community and to them read a writ which they obediently endorsed. Thus virtue was restored to the Lady of the Apple and all waxed well in Camelot.

Moral: The purple is mightier than the rapier.

*E.A.G.: acronym for "Emperor's Advisory Group," an administrative institution established in the dark ages which many present day political scientists consider a remarkable curiousity. Its motto is "For God, for Country and for Apples" but unfortunately the press of business is seldom met since the members rarely agree on which cider of an issue they will fall. For further information see *Darklink Phenomena: Bab-o and the Unwashed Generation,* by Her Grace, the Duchess of Foulmouth (Clinton, N.Y.: The Apple Corps Press, 1969).

Walter Broughton
Carleton Maley
Jerry Townsend

Arts and Entertainment

Arts Presentations

FILMS

March 12 (Friday)

Amenic: *Pierrot le Fou*; Science Auditorium, 8 PM., through Saturday March 13.

Kinokunst-Gesellschaft: *Downhill Racer*; Chemistry Auditorium, 7:30 and 10:00 PM., also Saturday March 13, 7:30 and 10:00 PM., Sunday March 14, 8 PM.

Utica Theaters:

Kallet (736-2313): *Thunderball; You Only Live Twice*.

Paris Cinema (733-2730): *Love Story*.

Stanley (724-4000): *The Licorice Quartet*.

258 Cinema (732-5461): 1. *Kama Sutra '71*; 2. *Gimme Shelter*; 3. *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

March 15 (Monday)

Romance Language Dept: *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, by Moliere; Chemistry Auditorium, 8 PM.

March 16 (Tuesday)

Spanish Club: *Fuenteovejuna* (in Spanish with no subtitles); Science Auditorium, 8:15 PM.

March 17 (Wednesday)

Civilisation series: *Grandeur and Obedience*; Science Auditorium, 7 PM.

DRAMA

March 12 (Friday)

Charlatans:Wallace B. Johnson Playwriting Contest winners; Minor Theater, 8:30 PM., also Saturday March 13.

Charlatans: *The Caretaker*, by Harold Pinter; McEwen Coffee House, 8:30 PM.

LECTURES

March 15 (Monday)

Sigma Xi Lecture: Professor Thomas Eisner, Cornell; Science Auditorium, 8 PM.

MUSIC

March 12 (Friday)

Open Rehearsal: Kirkland String Trio; List Arts Center, 8 PM., also March 15 and 16.

March 17 (Wednesday)

Concert: Kirkland String Trio; List Arts Center, 8 PM.

EXHIBITIONS

Root Art Center: Dennis Lucas, Canadian artist; through March 18.

Bristol Lounge: Four-man art show by Hamilton students Randall B. Chapnick, Cecil B. Middleton, Roman Tybinko and William Pattengill; through March 18.

W B Johnson Plays Presented
Four Plays Differ in Quality

BY JOHN DIMARTINO

On March 7, after only a month and a half of intensive preparation, four new one-act plays were unveiled for the Wallace Bradley Johnson Playwriting competition.

The first presentation was Ralph Williams' *Two Souls in Search of Hell*. The primary technique employed by Mr. Williams in producing his drama was theatre by insult. Through the use of effective monologue, sing-song poetry, and inept action, the playwright thoroughly insulted his audience from the outset of the play. Where was the dramatic reality in this work of art? Where were the real actors? The play, obviously well written, appeared overdone and unchallenging when it was subjected to the stagelights. Movements became unreal, dialogue banal, and insanity all, as the interaction between emotion and words produced a dramatic effect as interesting as a chemistry equation.

Our two heroes in search of Hell became either the modern stage equivalent of the Hardy Boys or two drunken friends invited to a cocktail party for Jean-Paul Sartre. Where was the urgency and dignity which drama demands? Alas, nowhere could it be found in this play where everything suffered oh so cleverly. Mr. Williams stated bluntly that "one gets to Hell by standing still." Since this piece was motionless from start to finish, the drama must be fit for Hell if nowhere else.

The second play of the evening was *Condolences* by Ralph Stocker. Although the performers in this work possessed talent, the drama itself became a playacting exercise in which the ideas of the playwright did not penetrate my mind. I just could not have cared less about the central action. I kept asking myself where were all the fine, sensitive young actors and found myself strangely envying the corpse.

Although the direction, scenery, and movement of the drama were good, the integral dialogue was presented far too quickly, and, as time flowed onward, the playwright evidently became enraptured with his own power of creativity. Mr. Stocker merely substituted the Ah Ha emotion for the Ho Hum reaction of the preceding work with dismal effect: I mourned for the play. I felt as if I had been sitting there for three years while the playwright played the audience for a fool. Although the viewers generally laughed, the play in its entirety was not amusing. First we had the Storefront Lawyers, then the New Interns, and now the Young Morticians, my my ... I can only give the playwright my condolences.

After a brief intermission, we were introduced to Richard Nelson's *My Childhood With The Civil War*. Mr. Nelson carried his play off well. As in *Spoon River Anthology*, the actors delivered slow articulate lines while moving in carefully planned triangular blocking. Through a combination of spontaneous non-movement, discontinuous dialogue, and abstract costumes, the playwright carefully produced an image of the civil war through memory traces. By delicately constructing one image upon another, Mr. Nelson allowed real characters to develop. The actors became real individuals, people whom the audience could have known and understood, not clever charlatans.

Unfortunately, the juxtaposition of time and space left the theatergoer a bit bewildered, and the ending was definitely unsettling. Yet it was obvious that Mr. Nelson is a talented playwright with directional capability.

Last, but by no means least, was Garrett Haynor's *Armageddon*. In essence, Mr. Haynor has crossed the themes of the modern morality tale *A Christmas Carol* with the television stage play *Demon With A Glass Hand* to produce a comical farce of humorous proportions. Although the

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Winter 'Comment' Scored;
Lacks Editing, Direction

BY STEPHEN PASKOFF

A rather thorough study of the winter addition of Comment, Root-Jessup's Public Affairs magazine reveals that the publication exhibits extreme weaknesses in the areas of editing and article relevance and constructuion. Quite hopefully, this issue can be dismissed as a poorly organized volume instead of a periodical accurately sampling the student body's ken of current national and international events.

For the most part, the articles tended to lack direction, organization and lucid comment. Fortunately, a few pieces rose above the issue's general level of mediocrity.

The most outstanding contribution, Bill Linehan's article on Ottinger's campaign exhibited a solid structure with clearly defined hypotheses that were analyzed in the writing. The topic was clearly well understood by the author- a comment which must be made if one considers some of the other pieces in the issue. It is unfortunate, however, that Mr. Linehan was unable to delve more deeply into the subject material. While obviously meant to be a broad and limited survey, the writing presented would serve as an excellent grounding for more detailed research.

A similar remark is also directed to Mr. Queen's article concerning the arguments for revolution that William Kunstler presented at Hamilton. The author logically attacks Kunstler's evidence citing the need for rebellion i.e. the Fred Hampton murder and the Kent State and Jackson State incidents. However, Queen dismisses such actions as just cause for revolt too quickly. While mentioning previous Chicago police encounters with the Panthers as possible reasons for the Hampton slaying, he fails to note that such incidents are symbolic of the tensions existing in our political system. His article while well constructed would certainly have been better presented in the form of a more extensive study.

Mr. Mackay's article on Cuba was similarly well constructed and seemed to manifest a solid coupling of empirical evidence with his analytic assumptions.

The remaining five articles,however, failed to possess either developed and relevant commentary or suffered quite noticealby from organizational problems.

Mr. Krumeich's article concerning Spiro Agnew's rhetoric revealed nothing new about the Vice President's oratorical skills. Indeed the piece seemed to be a regurgitation of comments

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Police Recruiter To Visit Hamilton

Sgt. David Durk of the New York Police Department, a college graduate who has persuaded scores of other college graduates to join the police departments of New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, will speak Monday, Mar. 15, at Hamilton College.

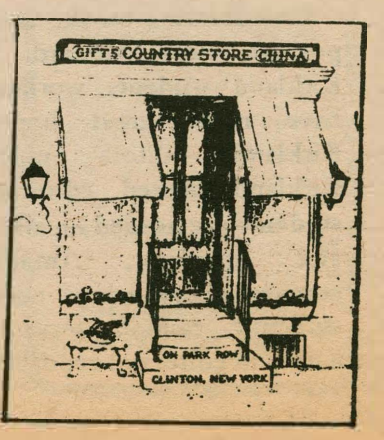
His talk on "The Role of Police in Society" is sponsored by Root-Jessup Public Affairs Council. It will begin at 4 p.m. in the second floor lounges of the Bristol Campus Center. The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge.

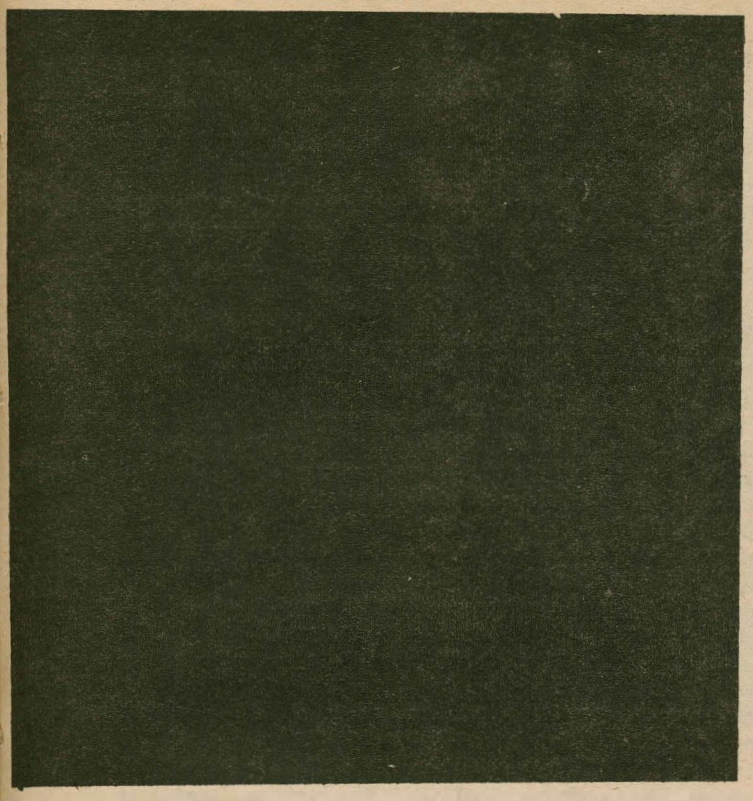
Durk's background is unusually appropriate for his job as police recruiter on college campuses. A graduate of Amherst College, he went on to study at Columbia Law School. Disenchanted with law school after a year, however, and fascinated with the social potential of policemen, Durk joined the "Finest" in 1963. He rose quickly in the Department, and was rated first in his detective squad.

In June of last year he received the Judge Jerome Frank Award for policemen who demonstrate "particularly commendable respect for the civil rights of individual citizens."

A grant from the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice enabled Durk to recruit on Ivy League campuses last year. His amazing success, however, is distinctly his own doing. Young, quick-minded and informal, he establishes rapport with students easily, and he delivers a bluntly idealistic message:

"Cops aren't inherently pigs, but insofar as some pigs become cops, it is because you won't do the job yourself."





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Erotic Pose Under the McEwen Stairwell.

Excitement Generated Due to 2-Day Blackout

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President Jesse Zellner, circumstances could have made the situation more dire than it became. The rooms at Kirkland were cold, but the weather was relatively mild. Had Sunday and Monday been below ten degrees, instead of hovering in the twenties, the episode might have proved more dangerous. Plans were made for centering all activity about one portably heated building before the snarl was uncovered. If the blackout had dragged on for one or two days more, the college would probably have made plans to close.

Hamilton shared in Kirkland's woes mostly by enduring unusual jams at Commons.The girls, stranded by the closing of McEwen, were urged to eat at Bundy, but most came to Commons, so that at peak hours, some eaters were without seats.

To lessen the possibility of another blackout, Director of Physical Plant John J. Letzelter has urged that a professional consulting firm be called in to check all of T.H. Green's underground wires. It is conceivable more problems lurk deeper underground and farther from manhole entrances. Had, indeed, this defective splice been farther from the manhole entrance, workers might still be searching for the cause of the power failure.

A transformer still inoperable as a result of the sudden loss of power Sunday is in the process of being fixed. Meantime, D Dorm feels the last of the blackout's effects by having to countenance a scarcity of hot water.

In the end, the best preparation for future calamities of the sort endured earlier in the week may simply be the experience of living through this particular blackout. Kirkland came back resilient and unfazed. In a sense, the great blackout of '71 added some excitement and human interest to two otherwise drab days in that grey time, early March, in Clinton, New York.

Financial Aid Decreases, Student Assistance Possible

BY SUSAN BRAIDER

The reduction in scholarship aid to incoming students has caused concern among the Kirkland community.

Students called an ad-hoc committee meeting on March 3 to discuss the ramifications of the scholarship problem. Faculty, administration, and students were represented. The students agreed that a small college such as Kirkland needs to have a diverse student body, and that this ideal is being threatened by the insufficient number of scholarships available.

The students expressed desire for a campaign to accumulate necessary scholarship funds. Possible means of fund raising discussed were increasing student jobs on campus, pledges from students, appeals to parents and associates, the establishment of a coffee house, and smaller projects such as car washes, art exhibits and sales, a second-hand bookstore, and lectures.

Kirkland is presently employing a large number of people from Clinton to do jobs which students could be doing. A proposal was made for a self-help system whereby all Kirkland students would be required to do maintenance and secretarial work at the college. The money not spent on maids and secretaries would go into a scholarship fund. Such a large scale program did not seem realistic. The committee preferred the idea of making such work available to students who need money to stay at Kirkland.

The idea of student pledges was discussed. Many thought that such a program might succeed if it were well organized. The motivating force to maintain Kirkland's diverse student body must be strong if such a drive were to be instituted.

The committee drafted a letter to solicit help from parents and associates. Although parents have previously been asked for money, the group felt that parents might be encouraged to contribute if they were approached by students.

The idea of starting a coffee house was received with enthusiasm. The establishment of a coffee house would have a twofold purpose: to raise money for future scholarships and to increase the number of jobs for students presently on scholarship. The coffee house would sell cigarettes and snacks, for a relatively moderate profit which would go directly into a scholarship fund. It would be staffed by Kirkland scholarship students and volunteers.

Although no immediate steps were taken, the committee was able to articulate possible remedies to Kirkland's financial difficulties.

Johnson Prize Plays

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believable, the playwright still produced an amusing carnival of humor. Through the effective use of comic relief, sound/light systems, and costumes, the struggle between God and Lucifer took on new dimensions. The analogies of Lucifer as magician and God as the Man from Glad (together with contrasting mirror images of seven virtues/deadly sins) were original as well as witty.

structure and driving force of the play were too ridiculous to be

Even though the characters tended to degenerate into cardboard images, the playwright still kept his actors forceful and enlightening. What Mr. Haynor may lack as a playwright, he surely makes up through direction.

Yet, in the final analysis, one cannot be too critical. The viewer must keep in mind that each playwright had only 50 days to produce his work with a budget of $10. Each had to utilize the Minor Theatre which is not really a theatre at all but rather an infirmary. And when one compares these works with other professional "successes" of Hamilton such as *Niagara Falls* and *Dark Of The Moon*, the students do not fare badly.

Mr. DiMartino has studied drama under the Long Island Director, Frank Errante (M.A.) during the years 1967-1969.

'Comment' Found Lacking; Poorly Constructed Review

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previously made by other political analysts. The topic these days is clearly overworked; a similar study centering on any other political figure would probably have been more interesting if not enlightening.

The structure of the articles by Messrs. Crumrine and Palmer detracted significantly from the obvious value of their comments. The former's writing touched on many interesting facets regarding the Polish citizen's way of life. The author tended to combine his findings with some historical reference. The prose seemed to shift from subject to subject and would have been more effective having concentrated on several specific areas or anecdotes rather than the range it encompassed.

Mr. Palmer's interview was quite often tedious; its value could have been greatly increased by a simple editing of Mr. Oyer's direct responses - even *Playboy* does that. Instead, Oyer's phrases and transitional sentences, switching from thought to thought were needlessly included. Consequently, the article lacked impact. At times the material did not seem germane to the magazine's general topic involving public affairs - indeed, in many respects the article could have equally concerned a Hamilton student spending his junior year in Skidmore.

Messrs. Plath and Eager explored provokative topics; many of their conclusions were worth noting, but thier effect was seriously hampered by extraneous comments they made which turned their work from objective analyses to nostalgic ramblings.

In general, many of the problems noted could have been avoided by more careful work by the editors in the actual area of editing. For the future, it would be far better to have only a few well developed pieces instead of an overabundance of weakly constructed writings.

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Letters

Contest

To the Editor,

We would like to make a correction concerning Jim Ragland's article, which appeared in the March 5 *Spectator*, on the Wallace Bradley Johnson Playwriting Contest. "Although the contest was open to Kirkland students," he states, "all of the plays submitted were written by Hamilton students." Without claiming any sort of merit for our work, except that it deserves to be called a "play," and without frowning on the total assimilation which the author gave us, we would simply like to say that we did indeed submit an entry. While some of "us" now hold blue IDs instead of apple green, little did we know that there was a reason, not objectionable at that, behind the move.

Two Kirkland Freshmen

We apologize for our error. A rejected manuscript, one of twelve submitted, was in fact written by two Kirkland students. Also, the name of one of the judges, Kirkland professor William Rosenfeld, was inadvertantly omitted. Finally, the last prize awarded was divided among all three plays produced, not between two as reported.

Reply

To the Editor,
In reply to the letter of Suliman Muhammad Alaize:

To label *Playdoh* as anything other than an indication of the arrogance of the editors, who thinly disguised ridicule by calling it "humor," is as great an insult to the college communities as *Playdoh* was to our intelligence.

Chuck Flynn '74

Demonstrate

To the editor:

The unemployment rate in this area and in the country is high and rising. Utica's unemployment rate is now 7.6 per cent and rising. The Utica situation is reflected, though not as severely, by the whole country.

The war in Indochina continues, despite years of demonstrations and despite the disapproval of most of the world and the impossibility of a military "victory."

The war in Indochina can be used to good purpose. People have been demonstrating for years against the war in Vietnam and now they are getting tired of demonstrations which bring no results. Why not hire the unemployed people as peace demonstrators. We could pay them to perform a demonstration a week in each of our major cities. Those afraid of violent radicalism will rejoice at the adoption of this solution as no one would want to be a professional jailbird or hospital patient. The police will have no trouble keeping the demonstrators in line, hippy fagots would no longer demonstrate as few would be willing to get the shit kicked out of them for money.

Will these demonstrations end the war in Vietnam? Of course not. Only the most insensitive people would want to deprive the demonstrators of their jobs in this manner and the Nixon administration has the interests of the unemployed at heart. Actually, one need not worry about depriving them of their jobs.

If the Indochina war ends and our government can't find anywhere else to create a war (an unlikely possibility) there will be other issues to demonstrate about, like poverty, economic exploitation, the ABM, repression, and repression of protests against repression. Our nation was founded on principles of healthy dissent and our government is busy creating issues about which we can dissent.

Will we be able to create enough demonstrating jobs for all the unemployed? When the supporters of the Indochina war find out about our plan, they will do everything they can to oppose this strategy. And how does one oppose a tactic of one's opponent? By adopting it oneself, of course. Some unemployed people would be hired as peace demonstrators and some as pro-war demonstrators. After we get this plan moving, the economy could be so stimulated by the lower unemployment that the U.S. would no longer need wars to stimulate our economy.

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National Student Congress Assembles in Washington

During the past week-end the National Student Congress met in Washington. The student body presidents in attendence were all delegates to the President to Presidents Conference held last September.

Many resolutions were proposed by the returning student leaders on various subjects ranging from our nation's policy in Vietnam to medical care reforms. The student presidents drew up the resolutions, broke into four committees: Foreign and Military, Social and Cultural, Economic and Environmental, and Education and Health, to discuss and revise the documents and then in twelve hours of discussion and debate voted on 18 resolutions.

The most important point of the entire congress was that student body presidents, some radical and some conservative, decided to express themselves through the democratic process. They acted the way the Nixon administration claims the Silent Majority of students act, and yet the positions determined, many by consensus, demonstrated a general rejection of many important programs of the Nixon Administration.

The schools represented varied form private institutions like Bucknell, Boston U., Georgetown, Houston and Washington and Lee to state universities like New York, California, Maine, Delaware, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Nevada, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The National Student Congress is in effect the second part of the September President to Presidents meeting. The annual conference is sponsored by the Association of Student Governments.

In attendance at the September Conference were some 330 student body presidents from campuses across the Nation, representing a total student enrollment of well over a million students. The Conference had two purposes: First, to afford these student representatives the opportunity to hear such speakers as Secretary of Defense Laird, Attorney General Mitchell, Selective Service Director Tarr, OEO Director Rumsfeld, and Under-secretary of State Sullivan; and second, to plan for a nation-wide conference of student body presidents to be held in the early spring for the purpose of responding to the Administration on issues of particular concern to the students they represented.

It was thought that having had the opportunity to hear numerous high-ranking Administration officials, the student body presidents would be uniquely qualified to address themselves intelligently to the issues at hand.

The National Student Congress elected a five member steering committee and charged them with two tasks:

1) to widely distribute the adopted proposals and to organize national support for the policies determined by the National Student Congress, and

2) to present the various resolutions to as many influential executive and legislative officials as possible.

The five students composing the Steering Committee are:

1) Stanley B. Grimm, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., Chairman

2) Steve Baker, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York

3) Walter Byrd, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

4) Eileen Friars, Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts

5) Jay Sternoff, Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, Washington

It is the feeling of the Steering Committee and the National Student Congress at-large that these resolutions represent the mainstream of American student thought on the issues here concerned.

The Congress was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Steve Baker '71

Student Congress Lists Proposals at Meeting

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not wish to talk to us, and we condemned him for this; if during the second half of his tenure he (Nixon) is serious about his Nebraska speech, and wishes to talk to students, not to talk with him would justly enable him to condemn us. The White House has followed this conference with great interest."

The first part of the President to Presidents Conference was a meeting in Washington of student government presidents and the presidents of their colleges. Baker and President John W. Chandler were among the representatives of 300 colleges at the Conference. The Conference represented over one million students.

Baker explained that at this first meeting, held September 25,26,27, in Washington, "members of the Administration spoke to us and answered questions." Only student presidents present at the first conference were eligible to attend the March meeting. For this reason there were between 150 and 200 presidents in attendence at the last conference.

Baker sees the NSC as "an attempt to create a student voice which would be listened to." It was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

After graduation, Baker will continue to work for the objectives outlined by informing students and their leaders of the progress made on proposals, lobbying in Washington for the proposals, and organizing a united student voice.

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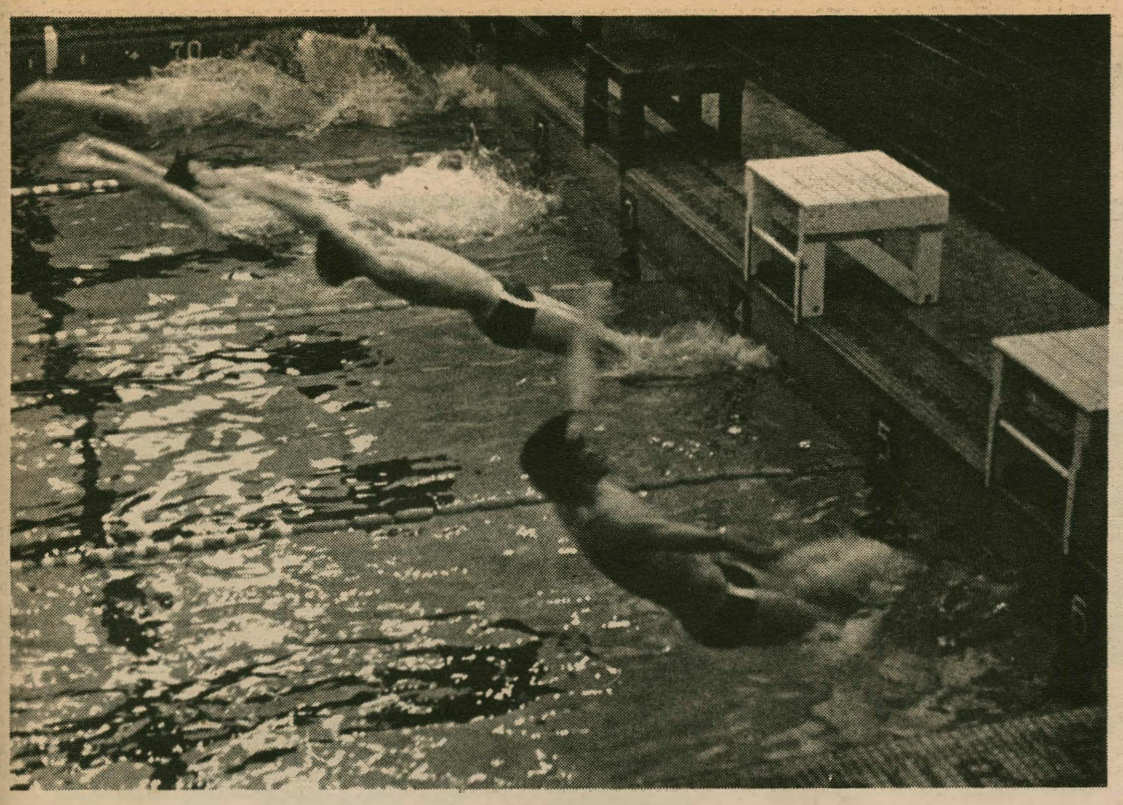

Undefeated Natators

MacDonald's Mermen Manhandle Multitudes

Swimming coach Eric MacDonald coached the second undefeated season of his five years at Hamilton as his swimmers swept to victories against Brockport (80-33) and Union College (78-35) on February 26 and March 3 respectively.

The margin of victory over Brockport was expected as the opponent had strong freestylers and butterflyers, but their lack of depth in in other strokes cost them valuable points. Hamilton performances were all commendable, but special mention must be made to Larry Bentley who shattered his own pool and school records in the 1000 yard freestyle event, and then, under pressure early in the 500 yard event, finished strong with his season's best time for the race.

The high point of the meet was the freestyle "senior" relay with Bentley, Hans Grashof, and co-captains Paul Crumrine and Hugh Sampson swimming for the last time before the Hamilton crowd.

In Schenectady on March 3, the Hamilton team faced a small and weak Union squad which was not prepared to make the meet a real contest. The Continentals performed well, especially the freshmen who showed much promise for the future seasons.

On Wednesday, March 17, Coach MacDonald, breaststroker Peter Schloerb, and diver Paul Crumrine will leave for Springfield College to represent Hamilton in the National College Division Swimming and Diving Championships, March 18-20.

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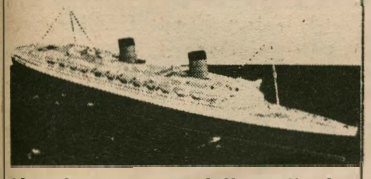

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TDX Financially "OK" This Year; Fraternity May Get National Aid

BY ROBERT GIAN

The dissolution of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, thought virtually inevitable after a disastrous rushing performance, no longer seems so certain. According to President David Godfrey, its continued existence this year is assured and members hope to rebuild next year.

House members will meet with the TDX trustees from the Hamilton Chapter tomorrow to discuss the future of the fraternity and decide on measures to revive it.

Godfrey said the house was "in fine shape financially" for this year. The TDX budget may also be bolstered by financial support from the national, which he described as "very interested" in keeping its Hamilton chapter alive.

Godfrey predicted that a strong pledge class next year would put the house back on its feet. He emphasized that the responsibility for filling the house with next year's freshmen would rest on the underclass members of the house, who will have to rush seriously.

When TDX took only one pledge this year and, late in Rushing Chairman Jim Morgan '71 assessed the effect the loss of one house would have on the fraternity system.

According to Godfrey, the diagnosis may have been somewhat premature.

Rushing Week invalidated its outstanding bids, its membership ills were thought terminal. Immediately speculation arose concerning possible use of the structure as a dormitory after the fraternity folded. At that time,

This year about 115,000 people won't listen to Smokey.

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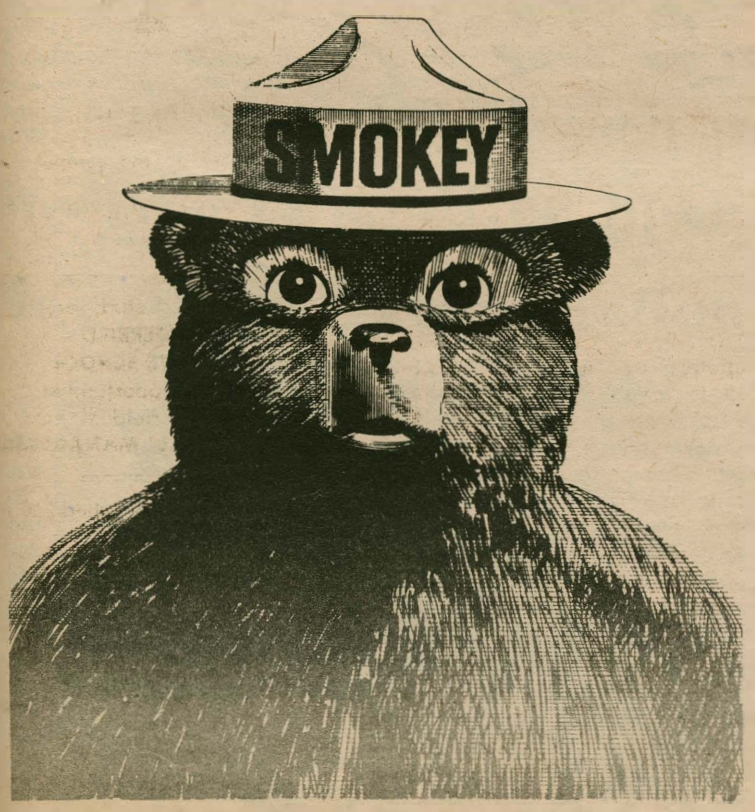

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Skidmore Plans To Enroll Men

The following article is reprinted from the Skidmore News, *February 25, 1971.*

"The Board of Trustees in its regular winter meeting in New York City Saturday, February 20, voted unanamous approval in principle of the recommednation of its ad hoc committee on coeducation," announced Dr. Palamountain (President). The committee recommended in a report submitted earlier that the college admit qualified men to degree programs.

The trustees voted on two proposals. The first was to accept in principle the recommendation of the ad hoc committee to end discrimination of admissions according to sex. No quotas or proportions of men to women are to be established, nor any special programs for men are to be set up.

Quality Not Quantity

"The committee recommended qualifications of the male applicants, rather than the quantity of male applications," said Palamountain. The second unanamous vote by the board also authorizes its executive committee to institute the policy after alumni and parents have been contacted by letter and given the opportunity to comment.

In his recommendation to the board, Palamountain stated that "to continue to deny admission to men, our number of applicants will continue to decline" and that "such a decline will both lower the quality of our students and their number, thereby increasing both our operating deficits and the students fees we must charge."

Palamountain's recommendation and the board's final decision that quotas or special programs for men not be instituted will insure equal competition and standards of acceptance for both sexes.

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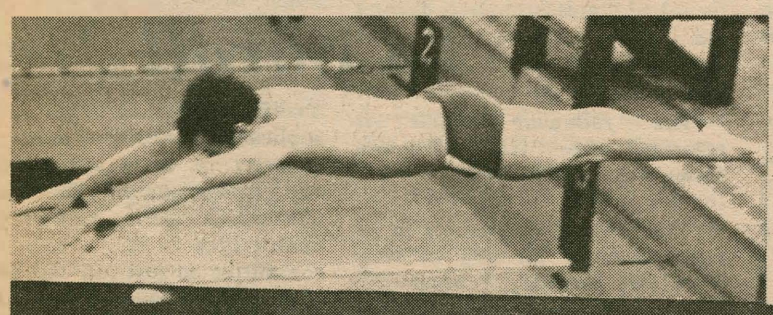
From the Bench

With an exciting win over Middlebury last week, the 1971 season came to an unexpected end. The win gave the Continentals the needed twelfth victory which was a prerequisite for a tournament berth, AND many, including the members of the team, were anxiously anticipating the invitation from the E.C.A.C. Selection Committee. But much to the consternation of all concerned, Hamilton was turned down in favor of Norwich University, a team the Continentals had recently beaten 4-3, and whose record proved to be poorer. The reasons for this decision are still unknown, but Norwich's last victory over number-one ranked Vermont by the score of 7-2 may have been the deciding factor. Nevertheless, the decision came as a shock.

But one must not dwell on the "ifs" of the season, for there is so much more to say. For a team which lost five of its first seven games, the 1971 hockey team showed incredible pride in itself, worked hard, and went on to finish the season with ten wins and only two losses. The final standings in the E.C.A.C. Division II placed Hamilton in fourth place in the east; a highly commendable achievement.

For the seniors on the team, Mike Thomas, Greg Batt, and Dave McCart, the season is mixed with both good and bad. Three consecutive wins over highly touted Middlebury, two fine wins over Williams, and wins over Oswego and Norwich must be considered the high points of the season. But the early losses of the season, particularly those incurred on the Bowdoin-Colby trip, and the close loss to the University of Massachusetts sort of mellows these reflections, particularly in light of Hamilton's rejection from the tournament. It has been a long season, and for the seniors it has been their last. But hopes are high for next year.